



## Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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## Letter or Email Response:

Dear Sir/ Madam Proposed Mixed use development at North Weald Park I am writing to you to express my full support for a proposed redevelopment of the North Weald Golf course into a comprehensive mixed use development. As a club we have been offered the opportunity to become part of a charitable trust that owns and operates a clubhouse and outdoor provision of pitches. This is a tremendously exciting time for us and one we are eager to grab with both hands. In our opinion, the proposal will deliver significant and associations with aspirations for growth. We are fully supportive of the creation of a new, high quality education provision - a grammar school or specialist learning academy will have massive benefits to offer educational excellence and offer choice to parents locally. The new school will also have the added advantage of saving significant costs that are currently expended by the County Council on transporting school children to schools outside of the District. Thhis cost saving could be recycled on re-allocated to improve and enhance other local schools ensuring better failities to raise standards. New Educational facilities located adjacent to the bespoke sorting super hub has the potential for an exemplar model that can really promote Essex and be used as the benchmark for future developments. We envisage a situation where the sports hub will be used both in the daytime and night time during the week and at weekends, thus maximising an asset that can benefit literally thousands of local people. Our current home at Upper Clapton Rugby Club has serves us extremely well yet the opportunity to have a state of the art sporting super hub is a one off opportunity to provide a legacy for clubs involved and for the benefit and health of a generation of young children, supporting involvement in sport, social inclusion and a healthy lifestyl. The delivery of such high quality education and sporting facilities in a parkland setting can only be applauded and as such should be fully supported and encouraged. The inclusion of a park and ride facility could really enhance th eliving standards of the existing residents. Through a reduction in traffic, air quality would improve and congestion reduced which could provide a real solution and positive benefits to what is a key issue locally. This is just one of a number of really significant benefits that this scheme brings. The provision of housing, where it is needed most would cause significant economic growth and also provide betterment socially. Employment space through the education provision, village centre and office space has the potential for well over 1,000 jobs which would have very positive impacts upon the immediate local area. What is especially important to note is that the development team are mixed use specialists so crucially know how to bring all of these major benefits forward in a coherent fashion so that the benefits can be delivered. We are extremely supportive of this and will be working alongside other local clubs including Epping Karate Club to generate support for a development that has local benefit as a core ethos. Yours Faithfully Steve Mallett

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